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Dear Fred:

Thanks for your subscription. I expect the books out about the 20th of this month and yours shall be sent you promptly.

You cannot imagine how happy it makes me, after waiting vainly for more than 30 years, to be able to bring out this First Book of the dear old Songs, which have meant so much to me through the better part of my life.

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With love and gentle memories,

Always your Friend,

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